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VEHICULAR POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural vehicles emit more pollutions and due to laxity in enforcement, the Taluka/Block towns in rural areas of the country are facing acute vehicular pollutions;

(b) if so, whether non-motorised transport like animal carts/carriages are being replaced rapidly by easy loan for motorised vehicles, and such loans are denied to the non-motorised sector in rural areas;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to prescribe Euro-II, III standard tractors and other motorised mode of transport in rural areas and also make available the easy loan facilities for non-motorised mode of vehicles used in rural areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) All motor vehicles are required to conform to the prescribed emission standards at the manufacturing stage. In view of the low vehicular density in rural areas, the problem of vehicular pollution is not acute there.

(b) The Government has no policy of discriminating between motorised vehicles and non-motorised vehicles in the matter of extending loans.

(c) (d) and (e): At present, there is no such proposal under consideration of the government to prescribe Euro-II and III emission standards for vehicles in rural areas. However, the Government has notified separate emission standards for tractors, which are effective from 1.10.1999. As tractors are mostly used in rural areas, acute air pollution problems are not envisaged